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May 4, 1979

The Honorable Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.c. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

I am writing to ask your cooperation and participation in an effort -- something I've designated as the "Excalibur Award" -- that I believe will help to improve the image of the Federal government. On a regular basis I, and hopefully other colleagues of mine in the Congress, would like to honor and give publicity to some of the outstanding contributions being made by Federal civilian and military personnel. By so doing, I believe we can help balance what, unfortunately, has become an almost constant one-sided attack on government operations and personnel.

Public confidence in our government is low, principally, I believe, because much of what we hear and read maligns government personnel. I, as one member of Congress, believe it is time to help tell the other side of the story -- the positive side -- of people and organizations in government that are serving our country extremely well. I feel the public also should hear about dedicated public servants whose efforts are making a tremendous difference in the quality of services provided to the public, the efficiency of operations, and the effectiveness and success of our scientific and technical programs.

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I seek your cooperation in the continued recognition of deserving personnel by providing information about members of your organization whose outstanding efforts should be considered for public recognition by the Congress and the American people. One-page nominations should include: name, title, grade, organization and location of the nominee; a brief description of the exceptional contribution; and the name and phone number of an individual within your agency to contact for further information. Nominations should be forwarded to my office to the attention of my Administrative Assistant, Keith Haller. Also, I seek your support of this project by communicating my interest in receiving nominations throughout your organization, and by your presence, when convenient, at appropriate ceremonies honoring those selected.

I also want to open the nominations process to the public. When a public nomination is received which involves a member of your organization, I intend to check with your agency for concurrence during consideration of a nominee's achievement. I have established a prestigious committee composed of individuals drawn from academia, media, private industry, labor and the legislative branch to screen all nominations.

I look forward to your help and participation in this project which I hope will contribute to greater awareness of some of government's successes.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Barnes

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Harry E. Fitzwater
Director of Personnel Policy, Planning, and Management

SUBJECT : Excalibur Award

STATINTL

1. Action Requested: That you approve the selection of [redacted] as candidates for the Excalibur Award and that you sign the attached letter of nomination.

2. Background: The Excalibur Award was initiated in 1979 by Congressman Michael D. Barnes (Md.) to help honor and give publicity to some of the outstanding contributions being made by Federal civilian and military personnel. It is also his intent to inform the public about the dedicated public servants whose efforts are making a tremendous difference in the quality of services being provided them.

Nominations are invited on a continuing basis. Awards are honorary in nature and presented from time to time by Congressman Barnes and other members of Congress at ceremonies to be held in Washington, D. C.

3. Staff Position: The Honor and Merit Awards Board reviewed the nominations of [redacted] for the Excalibur Award and unanimously agreed to recommend endorsement of their nominations. They were approved as Agency nominees by the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence on 29 September 1980.

4. Recommendation: That you sign the attached letter of nomination to Congressman Barnes.

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Harry E. Fitzwater

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Honorable Michael D. Barnes
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Attention: Ms. Linda Katz

Dear Ms. Katz:

I am pleased to nominate [redacted]
and [redacted] of this Agency for the Excalibur
Award.

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The attached Nomination Statements reflect performances
of which I am particularly proud and which I believe to be
truly deserving of the recognition afforded by the Excalibur
Award.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

STANSFIELD TURNER

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